(2) Are the Government aware that there is at present a large number of acting teachers in the Department who have already put in five years and more of continuous service?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) There are 28 permanent vacancies in the general list of graduate teachers of which 5 are in the 1st grade and 23 in the second grade. These vacancies arose between the years 1101 to 1107, both inclusive.

(2) Yes.

Special favours shown to Heads of Departments and other officer's between Karkatakam 1106 and Tulam 1107.

254. **MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR** (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement containing the names of the Heads of Departments and other officers to whom special favours in the matter of raising their emoluments were shown between Karkatakam 1106 and Tulam 1107 either in the shape of increments in advance or revision of pay with retrospective effect or grant of personal or any other allowances with the amounts in each case before and after such increase?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): A statement* containing the information required by the member is laid on the table.

Statement of officers confirmed with retrospective effect.

255. **MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR** (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing:

(*a*) the number of cases in which certain officers were confirmed with retrospective effect;

(*b*) the names of such officers; and

(*c*) the additional amount spent for giving retrospective effect, during the last three years?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*), The interpellation is too vague and general. If the member would be more definite as regards the period for which the information is wanted and the class of officers he has in view, the necessary information will be called for.

Ambulance cars in the Medical Department.

256. **MR. K. C. CHANDI** (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of ambulance cars owned by the Medical Department in 1106;

(*b*) whether the cars were in running order throughout the year;

(*c*) if not, the period during which any of the cars was in the workshop; and

(*d*) the number of drivers entertained and the amount of salary paid?

**Vide* Appendix III—pages 754 and 755.

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